



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet Maryland 2020



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2019 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$232,500
Forest Legacy	\$576,452
Forest Stewardship	\$276,820
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$269,490
State Fire Assistance	\$430,882
Urban and Community Forestry	\$328,693
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$122,113
Total	\$2,236,950

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

State, private, and other non-Federal forests make up 92 percent of the 176 million acres of forests across the 20 states of the Northeast and Midwest. The U.S. Forest Service and state forestry agencies collaborate with other partners on shared stewardship goals, which also support each State Forest Action Plan. The State and Private Forestry programs promote the health, resilience, and productivity of trees and forests across all ownerships for the benefit of people and wildlife; establish and manage urban and community forests; empower private landowners with information and technical assistance to sustainably manage their forests; and protect critically important rural forests and watersheds.

Program Goals

- Conserve and manage working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses.
- Protect forests from threats.
- Enhance public benefits from trees and forests.

Key Issues

- Restore and sustain forest landscapes.
- Ensure healthy and resilient forests.
- Ensure clean and abundant water.
- Create jobs and sustainable communities.
- Make landscapes more resilient to climate change.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2019 Accomplishments	Value
Population	5,773,552	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	2,819
Acres of Forest Land	2,442,695	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	17,790
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	1,869,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	9,259
Number of NIPF Landowners	157,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	50
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	424
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	3,200,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	750
Number of Rural Fire Departments	371	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	157	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	518
Forest Based Employment	13,135	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	4,750,167
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	60,000
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	9,500,000		

Program Highlights

Cooperative Fire Protection

Maryland was awarded one competitive State Fire Assistance grant to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans, treat hazardous fuels, create fuel breaks, and provide fire prevention information in high wildfire risk areas. Maryland acquired \$2,950,285 in property from the Department of Defense Fire Fighter Program and \$186,830 in property from the Federal Excess Personal Property program. The property is used to support the state's and volunteer fire departments' wildland fire programs.

Forest Health Protection

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, Forest Pest Management, released over 13,013 emerald ash borer parasitoids on state lands, two arboretums, one Nature Conservancy property, and the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. In addition, and in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Corps, 441 ash trees were treated in riparian areas targeting rare ash trees species on the eastern shore. Over 11,400 hemlock trees were treated across state lands for protection against hemlock woolly adelgid. The spotted lanternfly quarantine in Maryland currently includes Cecil and Hartford Counties.

Landscape Scale Restoration

The Maryland Forest Service partnered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and The Nature Conservancy to advance forest management and sustainable certification in water supply watersheds in important forests for working lands and water quality. This work, funded through a Landscape Scale Restoration Project with the Maryland Forest Service, focused on two areas. The first was forest management planning for reservoir forests and technical assistance leading to sustainable forest certification through The Nature Conservancy or Tree Farm. The second was landscape-scale planning and targeted implementation of certification on private lands and tree planting.

Urban and Community Forestry

The Maryland Forest Service is increasing tree canopy throughout the state, especially in rural areas, by creating a new tree planting program targeting Veterans Day tree plantings, such as Cresaptown's war memorial planting by students. The Urban and Community Forestry program also assisted Somerset County in holding its first Arbor Day Celebration tree planting at the new Career & Technical School, with middle school students planting containerized trees and the county planting 12.6 acres of tree seedlings behind the new school.

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